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SPECIAL NOTICE

This is to certify that E. M. Mortenson is no longer a minister or member of the Church of God.

He was tried by the State Board of Ohio, consisting of five men; namely, Rev. Russell Huff, Rev. R. C. Cook, Rev. S. G. Brock, Rev. D. G. Phillips, and Rev. J. F. Lavender, on charges signed by ten men of the Canton, Ohio, Church. The charges are as follows:

1. Discriminating against members of the church.
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This hearing lasted from 7.00 p. m., March 29, until 5:00 a. m., March 30, at which time he rejected all advice of the State Board. He read his resignation, surrendering any and all positions with the Church of God. This decision had been written by him before he came to the hearing.

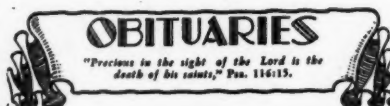
Any further information desired concerning this case may be had by contacting State Headquarters of Ohio.— J. L. Goins, State Overseer.

Will Your State Win One of the National Banners?

Seventeen of them will be awarded at the General Assembly; one Sunday School Banner for each group of states and one Y.P.E. Banner for each group. Watch these columns for an announcement of the winners!

NOTICE

I am open for calls for evangelistic campaigns anywhere. I preach, sing, and play the guitar. I desire to help you and your church. For reference, write my pastor; Rev. C. M. Dunn, Laketon Ave., Muskegon, Mich., or the state overseer of Michigan, Rev. Houston R. Morehead, 751 Hendrie Blvd., Royal Oak, Mich. You may reach me at 1213 Marcoux Ave., Muskegon, Michigan.—Evangelist Otis R. Averill.



PATTERSON

On May 21, 1948, at 5:30 p. m. the death angel visited the home of Rev. W. M. Patterson and carried his soul away to be at rest until the resurrection morning when the dead in Christ shall rise. He passed away at the age of seventy-one years and six months. He was a bishop in the Church of God for twelve years. He was a loving husband and father. He is survived by a wife, five children, sixteen grandchildren, and six great grandchildren. The funeral was conducted in Memphis, Tennessee, at the Church of God in Christ, by Rev. I. J. James of Seaford, Del.—Mrs. W. M. Patterson.

RUPP

Sister Minnie Mae Rupp went home to be with Jesus June 3, 1948 at the age of seventy-three years. Sister Rupp was a faithful member of the Church of God for twenty-three years. She loved the church and testified many times that nothing else would satisfy but this good holiness way. She was the means of many souls finding Jesus. Her funeral was held at the Church of God at Ferndale, Florida. Rev. R. E. Drymon officiated, interment in near-by cemetery. She is survived by one son, two brothers, one sister, and several grandchildren.—Mrs. W. R. Shoup.

We wish to express our sincere grat-

itude to all our friends for their kindness and thoughtfulness during our recent bereavement in the loss of our loved one.—Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Shoup and family.

COVER PICTURE

ATHENS, Tenn.—On the 9th of June, 1947 Brother John L. Meares, who had just finished school at the University of Tennessee, moved to Athens, Tenn., with his wife, for the purpose of establishing a Church of God. A large tent was erected and an all-summer's revival campaign began. Several attempts had been previously made to establish a Church of God here but had failed. However, with the aid of an evangelistic party, consisting of Brother Garland Mann, of Lake Wales, Fla., Brother James Cooper, of Belton, S. C., and Brother Alton Edenfield of Winnsboro, S. C., much was accomplished for the Lord. Brother Cooper, Brother Mann, and Sister Meares formed an excellent trio. A daily radio broadcast sponsored by business firms of the city greatly assisted the campaign.

At the close of the summer's campaign, a church was established with twenty-five members. Construction of a new church was begun the last of August. The dedicatory service convened the second Sunday in November. God's Spirit was felt throughout the day's services, which climaxed with an offering of \$1,500 in the afternoon service.

The church is thirty-six by sixty feet and will seat approximately three hundred people. It has automatic furnaces, a cooling system, indirect lighting, baptistry, and ladies' and men's lounges. Also, the Y.P.E. has paid for a nice Baby Grand piano. The plant cost \$18,000.

Brother and Sister Howard Lipham moved here in the fall and are a great blessing to the church. They sing with Sister Meares and have a weekly broadcast. Brother Edenfield returned for a revival in May, and this was the best revival the church has had since its establishment a year ago. Fourteen received the Holy Ghost, fourteen were baptized, and sixteen joined the church. Among these was a wonderful group of young people, who have turned from the world and are really letting their light shine for God. The people of Athens are realizing that they should serve the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Brother and Sister Edenfield have an invitation to return to Athens any time.

The capable leadership of the pastor has guided the church to a successful and permanent establishment. There is an ever increasing bright outlook for the church here in Athens, for which we are thankful to God.—Maurice Lipham.

Editorials - Bible Glints - Late Events . . .

CHURCH SUFFERING CLERGY SHORTAGE

Episcopalian Laymen Told at Sewanee That Students Cannot Fill Needs—"Special to the Chattanooga Times," Sewanee, Tenn., June 20.

The grave predicament of the Episcopal Church in shortage of clergy was emphasized in a report by W. Ted Gannaway, of Charleston, chairman for the Sewanee Province Laymen's Conference being held on the campus of the University of the South.

Mr. Gannaway, from a chart, made a vivid graphic picture as he drove home the fact that since 1900 the membership of the Episcopal Church had trebled while the ministry had increased only five per cent. He stated there were more than 1,100 Episcopal parishes and missions unable to conduct regular services because no minister was available.

There is the greatest need of efficient, consecrated, God-called ministers everywhere. We need more of them. But strange as it may seem, we have far more ministers than churches. The Minutes of 1946 Assembly (page 19) show that we had 992 ordained and 3,464 licensed ministers, a total of 4,456, with a total number of 2,775 churches, including our foreign work. That figures one preacher to each church and 1,681 others to work for new churches.

BRAZEN SACRILEGE

Recently, I read where a man has published in bold print that the energy of the human body, interpreted through modern atomic knowledge, is worth around 100 billion dollars. If you fill out the card with your name and address, you can come into full possession of all that power, and have an abundance of every good thing for which you can wish.

The literature has his picture, describing him as the "discoverer of the power of God."

The implication is that if you get on his list, and buy whatever it is he has to sell, you will be able to cure your rheumatism or whatever ails you.

Well, you may rest assured that anyone brazenly claiming to be the "discoverer of the power of God" is a fake—one you will do well to leave alone. Many people through the ages have "discovered the power of God," but in so doing they have been humble—certainly not one to want to sell you something. "Deceivers!" "For many deceivers are entered into the world," 2 John 1:7.

Another late one is a person who claims to have a letter supposed to be written by the Lord Himself, which He was supposed to have placed under a stone and underneath this stone had written, "Blessed is he that shall turn me over."

All this is nonsense, and, needless to tell you, there is nothing to the blessings and curses one is supposed to receive through various chain letters.

GOALS! GOALS! WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?

The Methodists have set a goal of two million members, 2,500 churches.

The Adventists who have the whole world divided into twelve districts and believe it their duty alone to evangelize the world, have certainly made great strides in cov-

ering the whole world. If only others had the machinery of these, and a renewed zeal, surely the full gospel would soon go to all the world.

ADVENTISTS GIVE \$130.21 PER CAPITA FOR CHURCH WORK

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Per capita giving for Seventh-day Adventist Church work at home and abroad during 1947 totaled \$130.21, it was reported at the denomination's spring council meeting held at its world headquarters in Takoma Park, Maryland.

Contributions from members throughout North America exceeded \$29,700,000, an increase of nearly \$375,000 over the preceding year. Church membership, now 228,000 among 2,750 congregations in the United States and Canada, increased 8,057 during the past year. The denomination's world membership stands at 616,000.

Unprecedented interest in Bible study on the part of the peoples of China, India, Japan and Europe was reported by Paul Wickman, executive secretary of the Adventist International Radio Commission. He said that Bible correspondence schools conducted overseas have enrolled upwards of half a million persons.

Wickman also reported that 612 radio stations throughout the world are now carrying the denomination's weekly program, "Voice of Prophecy."

METHODISTS' 1952 GOAL IS 2,000,000 MEMBERS

BOSTON—Two million new members and 2,500 new churches were proposed here as the goals of Methodism for the next four years.

This quota was recommended by the Committee on Membership and Evangelism to the Church's quadrennial General Conference. The Committee said the Church now has 9,500,000 members and a world constituency of 20,000,000.

"For this generation, brought up on movie thrillers and silly comics, I covet a childhood nurtured on the Word of God. It may seem the depth of boredom to a modern youngster fed up on trash and jaded from worn-out excitements, but life was happier before the Amen Age gave way to the era of So What."—Vance Havner in *Journey to Faith* (Revell).

Did you know:

That 90 per cent of the clergymen and missionaries come from the rural districts.—Scheel, RNS.

THE PASTOR'S PROBLEM

When a church seeks a pastor it often wants—

The strength of an eagle,
The grace of a swan,
The gentleness of a dove,
The friendliness of a sparrow,
And the night hours of an owl,

And when it catches that bird it expects him to live—
On the food of a canary.

—The Young People's Leader.

Shall We Bar the Bible From the Schools?

"A pastor of a church near Los Angeles," writes a Times reader, "told of a group where someone spoke of what Genesis says. Another of the group, a local high school student, said, 'Maybe I'm dumb, but who was Genesis?' Who was to blame for his not knowing? How many states bar the Bible from schools? How many states bar Blackstone from law schools?" Many other instances of ignorance of the Bible in our schools could be given, and they show the vital importance of permitting Bible instruction in the public schools. This is the "second" article in Dr. McQuilkin's series on the Supreme Court decision in the case at Champaign, Ill.

By **ROBERT C. McQUILKIN, D. D.**
President of Columbia Bible College

The devastating proclamation of secularism and atheism made by the Supreme Court

A MASTERLY presentation of this whole subject of the relation of government and religion was presented by Dr. W. S. Fleming in "God in Our Public Schools," a book published by the National Reform Association of Pittsburgh in 1942.* The book is well documented and presents the history of the fight for religious liberty, the principles underlying the Constitution, the practices in the various states, and the reasons for the progress of the secularization of our schools. It is abundantly proved from previous decisions of the Supreme Court and from common practice that the intent of the First Amendment and the definition of "sectarianism" are altogether contrary to these interpretations of the recent Supreme Court decision.

A law is always to be interpreted by the intent of the lawmakers. This question of the religious liberty was fought out first in Virginia, which originally had Episcopalianism as almost an established religion. The same leaders who won the battle in Virginia, Jefferson, Madison, and Patrick Henry, were responsible for the Federal Amendment. The idea that this separation of church and state meant the separation of religion from the state never entered their minds. They meant on the one hand to save America from an established church, and on the other to keep sectarianism out of the public schools.

Is the Bible a Sectarian Book?

The Supreme Court has spoken of Protestants, Catholics, and Jews as being three "religious sects." They have stated that the purpose of the public schools is to give "secular education." They have spoken of the teaching of

the Bible as "aiding religious groups to spread their faith." They have declared that public school buildings should not be used for the dissemination of "religious doctrines." In other words, they are in danger of interpreting the Bible to be a sectarian book, and they are interpreting the Christian religion and any doctrine connected with it as being sectarian and as being contrary to the American Constitution. They have put on the one side the churches, religion, the Bible, and God. On the other side they have put "government." No such devastating proclamation of secularism and atheism has ever been made before by the high court. On the contrary, the Supreme Court has declared the very opposite. It has declared that this is a Christian nation, in the Trinity Church case, discussed later in this article.

In the Girard Will Case, the Supreme Court of the United States defined very clearly what was meant and what was not meant by sectarianism. When Stephen Girard left a large sum of money to build and sustain a home and school for orphan boys in Philadelphia, he ordered that sectarian matters be excluded. A case was brought before the Supreme Court seeking to break the will on the ground that it violated the Christian principles of the land. Daniel Webster made one of his eloquent addresses in favor of breaking the will. The high court sustained the will, and they sustained it specifically on the basis that the exclusion of sectarianism did not mean the exclusion of the Bible and Christianity. They declared: "Why may not the Bible, especially the New Testament, be read and taught, as a divine revelation, in the College . . . its general principles expounded, its evidences explained, and its glorious

principles of morality inculcated?"

The Supreme Court of Colorado has declared in an opinion: "A sectarian doctrine would then be one peculiar to one or more of these sects, as for example, the doctrine held by Baptists that immersion is necessary to valid baptism, a practice which many other sects tolerate but do not require. This was the view taken by the Supreme Court of the United States in the Girard Will Case. . . . Further, if we are to take the argument of the plaintiff that sectarian means more than the sects of religion and say that it means religious, we must push it to its logical limit, and say that believers are a sect, and that, in deference to atheism, no reference to God may be made, and this would bar the singing of 'America' and the 'Star Spangled Banner'; and if we would say that sectarian means religious, we would bar not only the greatest of our poets, including Shakespeare and Milton whose inspiring messages have a religious basis, but the greatest of our orators, Webster, Clay and Lincoln. . . . Religion and sectarian are not synonymous." A number of the state Supreme Courts have made the same contention. The distinctions are very clear, and yet the opinion of this Supreme Court has thrown all of these principles into such a confusion as we have not hitherto known.

Declarations of Great Presidents

Practically every President of the United States, along with other great leaders, has made declarations which contradict the basis of this Supreme Court decision. As an example we may quote Calvin Coolidge in an address in 1923 when he was Vice-President:

"The secular theory of the state cannot stand. Unless destroyed it will shake this nation to its foundations; no nation ever has stood without religion. No nation ever will stand without religion. If a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without the notice of God, a nation cannot stand without

* National Reform Association, 209 Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, \$1.50.

His aid. And He cannot aid a nation that ignores Him. The forms and power of religion must permeate the state and be recognized by it. The public school is one place to put religion to make it effective in national life."

Consider the statements of other Presidents:

Thomas Jefferson: "The Bible is the cornerstone of liberty."

Andrew Jackson: "The Bible is the rock on which our republic rests."

Ulysses S. Grant: "To this Book we are indebted for the progress made in our civilization, and to this Book we must look as our guide in the future."

William McKinley: "The more profoundly we study this wonderful Book and the more closely we observe its divine precepts, the better citizens we will become and the higher will be the destiny of our nation."

Herbert Hoover: "We are indebted to the Book of books for our ideals and institutions. Their preservation rests in adhering to its principles."

It is probable that all of the Supreme Court justices would agree with what these Presidents say concerning the Bible. But they would declare that the place to teach the Bible is in the home and in the church. The Supreme Court decision, while ambiguous at several points, does seem to declare for the secular view of the state, and speaks as though religion belonged to the church and that it was, therefore, to be separated from "government."

The reason for this point of view is to avoid a disastrous conflict between Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. Therefore, the conclusion is that if a Jew objects to having the New Testament read in school, he has the legal right to stop the Bible from being read in school. Some years ago a teacher was giving an address to a gathering sponsored by a parent-teachers association. There were several thousand present. In the address she quoted Negro spirituals which had in them a mention of Christ. There were four notes sent to the platform, which were written by four Jews in the audience, who protested that this mention of Christ was a departure from the understanding of the parent-teachers association in the matter of religion. The Supreme Court's solution would seem to be that no religious doctrines of any kind are to be taught in the schools, and that specifically nothing that a Catholic or a Jew or an atheist would object to may be included. This is tantamount to saying that there is

no such thing as "Christianity." There are only sects of Christianity. One of them is the Protestant sect, divided into quite a number of sub-sects. Another is the Roman Catholic sect; and so far as America is concerned, the other is the Jewish sect.

Where does this reasoning leave us? While apparently saving us from unfortunate religious conflicts, it saves us at the price of legalizing all teachings that deny God, and leaves religion and the Bible completely out.

Nicholas Murray Butler, formerly president of Columbia University, in his annual report of 1934, said: "The separation of church and state is fundamental in our American political order. But so far as religious instruction is concerned, this principle has been so far departed from as to put the whole force and influence of the tax-supported schools on the side of one element of the population, namely, that which is pagan and believes in no religion whatever."

Luther A. Weigle, a noted leader of education, as well as a religious leader, declared: "The secularization of the public education of America has issued in a situation fraught with danger. The situation is such as to imperil, in time, the future of religion among the people, and, with religion the future of the nation itself. A system of public education that gives no place to religion is not in reality neutral, but exerts an influence, unintentional though it be *against* religion."

Justice Frankfurter pointed out in his opinion that many public men—themselves devoted churchgoers—such as Horace Mann, President Grant, Jeremiah Black, and Elihu Root agreed that the schools must never be given over to the use of any religious group. All right-minded Americans would say a hearty amen to that view that the schools must never be given over to the use of any religious group. Does that mean that God and the Bible and religion must be excluded from the public schools? I believe one of the fallacies running through the Supreme Court declaration is the idea that religion or the Bible or the truth concerning God cannot possibly have any existence except as interpreted by "some religious group" and therefore unconstitutional in the United States of America.

This confusing use of the word "sectarian" runs through many of the discussions of the Supreme Court decision. In a recent issue of a Seventh-Day Adventist paper, there is a picture

of Horace Mann, who is recognized as the father of our American public school system. Under the picture is the comment: "When our schools were finally secularized, it was under the leadership of Horace Mann, a Massachusetts educator of the early nineteenth century." The article, by Agnes E. Meyer, published in this paper, stated: "The secularization of our schools was a positive movement to embody in American education the inter-action of nature and spirit, of the real and the ideal, upon which both democracy and active Christianity depend. . . . It is, therefore, a misunderstanding of the true situation to assert that God was banished from the public school system when the sects were banished. Wherever a human being strives upward toward enlightenment, goodness, and concern for others, there the divine will is active."

Running through this argument is the conception that anything taught by any particular Christian body is sectarian. The only thing that is not sectarian is what an atheist could also believe. But this same Horace Mann, who is often quoted on the side of keeping religion out of the public schools was, as Dr. W. S. Fleming points out, "one of the most earnest advocates of religion in the schools that the nation has produced." Dr. Fleming declares:

"It is often suggested that he opposed religion in the schools and tried to exclude it therefrom, but the exact opposite is the truth. He opposed sectarian books that certain financial interests sought to get into the school libraries and incurred the bitter enmity of those interested, but won in the battle. He found the Bible being gradually dropped from the schools and labored earnestly and succeeded well in getting it restored. In several of his annual reports he gave large space to the subject of religion, and in the report of 1847 he said: 'Bible in the schools is not expressly enjoined by law, but both its letter and its spirit are consonant with that use, and as a matter of fact, I suppose there is not, at the present time, a single town in the commonwealth in whose schools it is not read.' In his final report Mr. Mann wrote: 'Moral education is a primal necessity in social existence. The grand result in practical morals . . . can never be obtained without religion, and no community will ever be religious without a religious educa-

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Jesus Went About Doing Good

By Rev. J. H. Ingram

"And he said unto them, Let us go into the next towns, that I may preach there also: for therefore came I forth," Mark 1:38.

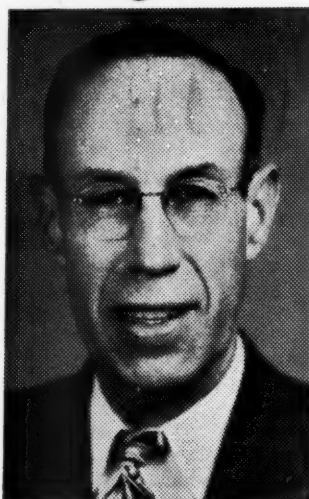
In order that He might be a blessing to as many people as possible, during His earthly ministry, Jesus "went about doing good."

In Acts 10:38, we read about how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost so that He might go about doing good, "for therefore," said Jesus, "came I forth." We see here a literal fulfillment of Isaiah 61:1, that reads like this: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings (the gospel) unto the meek." Desiring to be a blessing to all men, everywhere, Jesus did not wait for the people to come to Him, but He went unto them, carrying the good news to their own doorsteps. He thus taught us, both by precept and example, that His gospel is not for any particular people or place, but for every creature in all the world. Moreover, Jesus taught us that we should make our lives count for Him, by taking advantage of every opportunity to spread the blessings of His grace and the good tidings of God's love.

While Jesus Himself is the highest example of consecrated ministry, we may also profit by examples the apostles left us. The Lord first said, "Let us go," and He always seemed to be in a hurry, going from town to town, since He evidently realized that His time was short. Then, as He came near to the end of His earthly ministry, Christ said unto His apostles, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

Paul and Silas left us a good example by going "into the next towns," where "they delivered them the decrees for to keep, that were ordained of the apostles and elders which were at Jerusalem. And so were the churches established in the faith, and increased in number daily." Acts 16:4,5. The apostles Paul and Silas continued their ministry by spreading the gospel into Europe, giving rise to the first foreign mission work of the early church.

Jesus came to this world for one specific reason, and that was to show us the right pattern for a true life.



REV. J. H. INGRAM

Here we have only a glimpse of how Jesus and His apostles sought to be a blessing to all men, as they "went

about doing good"; yet, there is something intensely stirring about the whole picture. They went about their work of evangelizing the world as though time was indeed very limited. There is certainly much in this inspiring picture of a consecrated ministry exemplified by Christ and His apostles that we would do well to imitate. We, also, are here on an errand of blessing to men. The Lord expects us, as the church, to occupy till He comes and keep on preaching the gospel to the "next towns." We have a message to deliver, word from the Father, announcing the "glad tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

We must expect the end that cannot be very far off, so what we do must be done quickly. We should hurry from place to place with the gifts of love, help, and comfort, that our Saviour has given us to bestow. Yes, the Master is depending on human instrumentality very largely. Are you, my friend, endeavoring to follow the example of the Lord, who "went about doing good"? Surely, we cannot pass this up lightly! To be sure, there is something for each of us to do!

MY BELIEF

By Callingwood Spence

I believe in the Church of God because it is the only institution that stands forever for a religious security for this life and the life to come, because it is an everlasting truth, lifting its voice against all despair of disillusioned men and women. We search the universities for truth, and after finding them, oftener than not we become our own disunity. Without a religious view, life becomes a futility so prolonged and complicated and diabolical as to be worse than absurd. The church remembers what other societies forget. We all are creatures. For in spite of all our great knowledge, plus ability, we are not creators, for the church never forgets that God exists in the shadows, always watching over His own.

What meaneth it to have one everlasting witness holding out for the fact that life is purposeful and meaningful? It means the difference between men and women clutching at straws and fighting at differences, and humanity confident of God's goodness. Why do I believe in the Church? Because it is the only institution that really believes God from or with all

the heart. It is worse than folly for us to forget God our Creator and to live as though He does not or never did exist. To do so means death. Worship is communion between the soul that acknowledges God's creatorship and the Creator Himself. It arises out of gratitude for all His benefits to mankind. It is not a luxury, neither is it an extra-curricular activity, but is a necessity. Worship is the sure assertion that underneath all the writing on the surface of life is another writing—ancient and not beyond deciphering—"the goodness of God endureth continually." Without such a daily worship life turns into ashes.

Why do I believe in the Church? Because it is fellowship of all those who have made an experiment, who have dared to believe the evidence seen by them. It is not, primarily a group of people who believe the same principle. It is always, first and last, a fellowship of all who know the same person. The fact that the Church of God still lives verifies and validates the testimony of the apostles. They tell us that *Jesus Christ is the Son of God*, who came into the world in the

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"Except Ye Repent, Ye Shall All Likewise Perish"

By LASSIE R. MANLEY

"Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all Galilaeans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

"Or the eighteen upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye they were sinners above all men who dwelt in Jerusalem?"

"I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

To bring this up to date we might add:

"Untold Number Perish. Wall of Water Engulfs Town. 50,000 Homeless."

Think ye that the Americans were sinners above all men that dwell in America?

"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish."

Today the headlines in our local paper, and I'm sure in all daily papers throughout our nation and perhaps the world, read, "PALOMAR MOUNTAINS, Calif.—200-INCH EYE READY TO PROBE UNKNOWN SKIES.

"Dr. Max Mason, chairman of the observatory council, has said it may even solve the mystery of life itself.

"Belief that completion of the new telescope has placed the world on the threshold of a tremendous increase in knowledge," continues the writer, "and, finally, in the words of the psalmist, 'What is man.'"

The preacher gave the best answer to that question that I have ever heard, in Ecclesiastes, "VANITY, ALL IS VANITY."

When man gets so wrapped up in his own conceit that he forgets God and starts to build a tower of Babel, God has to take over and either destroy him or confound him to where he is reduced to the "Stone Age."

I heard a preacher say a few nights ago that America is no longer classed as a Christian nation, but is now considered a pagan nation.

I have not had an opportunity to check on this and do not know whether it is a rumor or a fact, but if it is true, may God have mercy upon us.

I do know that many of the leaders

of our country are either without God, or they show Him very little honor, and whichever it is it must be displeasing before Him.

We know by the Bible what will become of the "goat nations" on the day of judgment.

Jesus said, "Before that day, because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold."

"But as the days of Noe were, so shall the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark."

Surely we are in those days. Now divorce is recognized in most all of our Protestant churches, although Christ taught, "Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her. And if a woman put away her husband, and be married to another, she committeth adultery."

Today our beloved country, which was founded upon God and the home by our forefathers, now has millions of people who think nothing of having from two to six living mates, whom they promised to love and cherish till death do us part.

Our nation is full of beautiful structures that are called churches and are monuments only to man's vanities. These are filled Sunday after Sunday with people who call themselves Christians but whose minds and hearts have never met our Holy Christ.

They have hearts that are filled with "social form," selfishness and pride, vanity and race prejudice, lust and greediness, when our Lord taught love—love God with all our hearts, all our souls, all our strength, all our minds . . . and . . . love thy neighbor as thyself.

What a mockery the average professing Christian makes of these commandments of our Master, who said, "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Paul said concerning the coming of the Lord, "For that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first."

There is now prevailing, throughout our land, a great apostasy. Preachers from their pulpits are denying the virgin birth of our Lord. They explain away His miracles as superstition.

This month, in one of our leading magazines, a famous preacher explains away prayer by saying our prayers are always answered but lots of times in the way that we least expect. He doesn't know how to pray and he doesn't believe the word of Jesus, who said, "If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him."

"And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

Unless we believe, we cannot claim the promises made by our Lord. Paul said, "Without faith it is impossible to please God."

John gives testimony to the fact that their prayers were answered, and that was after Christ's ascension. He said, "And whatsoever we ask, we receive." Also, he tells us why: "Because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight." Therein lies the secret to answered prayer.

On last Easter morning during a program given in honor of our risen Lord, at one of our city parks, a message went out over the air from the lips of a preacher whose church only a few years ago was teaching fundamental gospel holiness, in which he said, "The best in every man will live on after death." He talked about Gandhi and lauded him as an example and how his soul would live on after death. His soul will live on; of this there is no doubt, but he had no promise of heaven, which was what this preacher would have had his listeners believe, or rather he was prone to discredit our Lord's teachings of heaven and a hell.

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Text: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word," Psalm 119:9.

"MODERNISM" means good-by to anybody's organization, to anybody's church—good-bye in simple language that we can understand.

First, I want to talk about the youth. We are told in the text that a young man can cleanse his way by taking heed, or giving heed, to the Word of God. It is the power of life unto life or death unto death: a savor to the man that accepts it and condemnation to the man that rejects it. Everyone of us is aware that the youth are the church of tomorrow, and I would also like to state that the youth are a part of the church of today.

When a young man, I was given a part on the Y. P. E. program, and I preached with all the ability I had, all the God-given ability. I realized that I must do my best, and from that day to this one I have been trying to prepare myself to be a minister. Through all the heartaches and attacks of the enemy this far, I can say that I have been an overcomer. It is a wonderful thing to know that I have been a Christian and overcomer for sixteen years, by the help of my elder brethren in the Church, who have assisted me and held my hands when

I was unable to walk. When I was twenty-seven years of age, I was pastoring one of the largest churches in our movement.

There is no need to tell me the youth don't have an opportunity in the Church of God. I have had that opportunity. The overseers are looking and searching today for youth to carry on God's work in this world. Youth has a place in the Church today; everyone that will apply himself can find a place in the Church. It thrills my heart to see young men in the Church who are doing things.

Youth training is important; youth training is an outstanding thing in our Church. If we would build the Church with substantial material, we must train our youth. I believe the growth of the Church depends on the way we train our children from here on out. In years passed, some of the older men went out and preached to honest people of other denominations; it is not so much so today. The important part of the Church depends on the way we parents train our children from here to the end of the way. We need a Church of God revival so that our children may be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church.

Youth training is important. When Mr. Cataline wanted to undermine

YOUTH and MODERNISM

A message delivered in the Northeastern Youth Congress of the Church of God in Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9, 1948

—By—

Rev. L. H. Aultman,
Overseer of Kentucky

Rome, he started on the youth; he got them to indulge in sin: he accomplished his goal. When Mussolini wanted to build an army, he called for the youth. I remember that I was called to a meeting and saw some of the agonies that Hitler caused; he started even before birth. Never in all my life have I looked upon such happenings. They proved that he was dealing with the youth. When we were in chaos, when we did not have the trained army, when some of the boys about twenty-six years of age would crack up and could not stand the pressure, Congress passed a bill asking for the men of eighteen years, for they are able to do the job. They trained those men and they filled the places of brave men. On being told, "Boys, yonder is the target," they did the job. They accomplished what the country called upon them to do.

The Church is calling upon the youth; we are in a Youth Congress. I am sure that if the young men can take instructions and teachings in Uncle Sam's army, they can take them in the Church of God. Uncle Sam didn't allow for them; he said, "Here is the line," and they had to get on it. They can do the same in the Church of God. Young men can preach holiness as well as old men. They don't have to be dead with old age to do the job. I can say that the Church of God has some of the finest young ministers I have ever heard preach. I was raised a Baptist; I have been around the Methodist. These young preachers can preach; I know preaching.

When the U. S. A. needed some help, she realized the need of the young people. They didn't do away with all

the admirals, etc.; they had to have some brains to govern them to the targets. We have some of the finest leaders that the world has to offer today; they are filled with God's grace and love and are directing our sails in the right course. We are proud of them.

We notice also that the mind is to be cared for by the ways of getting wisdom. This was said by the wise man, Solomon, to be the principal thing. Young folks, if there ever was a time we need to seek God, it is right now. In order to make the progress that we need to make, we must have some "horse sense" as we go along—wisdom, if we make the progress that we must make in this world of modernism today. You wouldn't dare say that the world is settled with modernism; it is diluted with it. The Church of God doesn't have to turn that course. Separate and abstain from that, and then have the favors of God and the smiles of men and wisdom of the world.

Minds rule the world. I know that God's love should rule and I know that God's love ought to control and that He should be the All in All. Young people, minds—shrewd minds—are ruling the world today. David was a statesman, a warrior, a poet; hear what he has to say about study. He said in the first division of the Psalms, concerning the blessed man, "In his law doth he meditate day and night." In whose law? God's law. If there ever was a time when we needed to live soberly and righteously, it is now. The great apostle Paul said unto Timothy, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed. . . ."

With minds today, men are swaying nations—men with shrewd minds. Not hundreds of men, but one and two men are swaying nations today. It is too late for Germany to think; Hitler, with his "mastermind" way of doing things, outstanding personality, swayed a nation and made the Germans believe they could conquer the world. They didn't do it. We, as youth today in the Church of God, must be aware that modernism is in the world; not only that, fanaticism is in the world, and if the devil can't sway with modernism, he is waiting to shoot with the other gun. I am glad I am a member of the Church of God, and we are not ashamed to tell the world that we are holiness believers. Modernism is

sweeping the country today. I am glad that we have a mind. Brother Carl Hughes said that when it is hard sailing you can tell how much the people love the Church of God. I admire young men who step out. I didn't start in this thing to give up and sell out. The Church made me what I am, reached down in sin and got me out, and what I am and ever expect to be I owe to the Church. As has often been said, "Be your own architect." Don't wait for someone to tell you what to do. I don't want the Church teachings to govern me into heaven; I want to go on my own accord.

The obstacles of doubt and unbelief must be moved out of the way before



Rev. L. H. Aultman

we can be at our best for God. If you are a young man or woman, and the devil is striving with your conscience or your spiritual life, let me beg you, in the name of Jesus Christ, to go as straight to the altar as you can go. The devil can't reach you through the blood of Jesus.

A professor in one of our universities made a religious survey and asked, "What do you believe about God?" Thirty-two per cent believed He was only a personality; 41 per cent believed Him to be an ordinary force; 23 per cent thought that He did not exist at all, and if He did exist He was nothing important, just another fellow. One boy said, "I wish I knew where God is." I would have told him that He can save to the uttermost, He is a real Saviour, lives in my heart, and is seeking to live in every

heart that will let Him. A statement by the professor went like this, pointing to the statement Job made, "Oh, that I knew where I could find him." The professor didn't go on to explain the truth. Job was courting His fellowship, and said, "If I can't get close to him." On down, Job said, "But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold," not as hay, wood, and stubble. If Job didn't know where God was, God knew where Job was. If you don't know the way, God will show you the way to go. When we lose the knowledge of God we get in a merry-go-round and don't know what to do next. I am glad I am a Christian, a free man, and have a sane mind, not contaminated with the things of the world.

The obedient man, not the disobedient, is promised the blessings. Our God is a God of mercy, but of wrath, also. Job said, "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace." If you are not happy, acquaint yourself with the Lord. There is apostasy in the world and a terrible moral condition. When your body is affected and your life is open to sin, it gives the devil an open hand. If we don't want to drift into modernism, we had better stay within the lids of the Bible. Our people want the true gospel. There is nothing wrong with the Church; it is the people in it who err. If you will supply your mind with God's eternal truth; if you will apply your heart and life to the study of God's Word, you will have something with which to defeat modernism. The study of God's Word makes men. I am talking about real men, who will walk up and lay their heads on the chop block. Such an experience didn't faze the apostle Paul. As long as our men are in the Church, there is nothing to destroy us. If we fail to be men, there is danger of our being tossed with every wind of doctrine. Are you a real man? If you are, you will stand; if not, you will go any way the winds blow.—*Kentucky State News.*

He Healed Me

BROCKDEN, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and giving me the blessed Holy Ghost. I thank Him because He does hear and answer prayer. I know because He healed me. I am a member of the Church of God. Pray for me to have more faith and do His will. Pray for my husband who is unsaved.—Mrs. O. D. Martin, Jr.

Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature

J. STEWART BRINSFIELD
Executive Missions Secretary

ATTENTION

In a previous issue of our Missions page, we printed the names and addresses of our American missionaries. This was for your convenience in sending packages of food and clothing to them for distribution among the natives of their particular territories. If you did not secure a copy of this issue of the *Evangel*, the names and addresses of our missionaries are always printed in our missionary magazine, *THE MACEDONIAN CALL*. We would be delighted to send you a copy of this magazine for fifteen cents a single copy, and better still, to send you a year's subscription for only 60c a year.

There is a great amount of work to be done in providing the people of unfortunate countries with food and clothing. We feel confident that every one of you will endeavor to do your part in this great task. It is possible to send packages parcel post to our missionaries. As we suggested before, it would be wise to contact your local postal authorities for correct information as to shipping and handling. We are sorry we are unable to handle the clothing here at Headquarters any more, but we do not have available facilities for this task now. If the Missions Department can assist you in any way in giving additional information, feel free to write at any time.

Dear Church of God Family:

I am glad again to send you a report of our quarterly meeting which convened at the Steel Shed, Queen's Park, on Sunday, July 4. We began our day services with a baptizing at the Bay Street Beach, at which time sixteen believers were baptized.

The meeting at the Steel Shed commenced at 10:30 a.m. with a large crowd joining in the prayer and praise service. There was a review of the work of our church for the past year, which showed that during the past

year 778 were saved in our meetings, 686 sought the blessing of sanctification, and 52 received the Holy Ghost. One hundred and nineteen were baptized in water, and 132 new members were taken into fellowship in the church.

Our people are putting forth a big effort to raise money to buy two lots which we have been renting for some years. These lots are now for sale. We are forced to buy or remove our buildings, so buy we must. Three thousand dollars is needed to purchase this property. At our quarterly meeting \$345.09 was brought in. A number of our churches did not report but will bring in their contribution soon.

Our motto is "Move Forward."—J. B. Winter, Overseer, Barbados, B. W. I.

Welcome Your Missionaries on Furlough

The thousands of you readers who turn immediately to the Foreign Missions page as soon as your *Evangel* reaches you will be delighted to meet some of your faithful missionaries

who are now in the United States for a short furlough.

As you know, it is necessary for your missionaries to return to this country for a short rest after they serve their term on the field. Missionary service is a most exacting and strenuous work. The awful burden borne by your brethren and sisters who are laboring on foreign soil is too heavy for words to express. The constant drain of one's physical strength requires the Missions Department to allow a well-deserved time for rest and recuperation to the faithful men and women who have answered the call.

Another very good reason for the missionary furlough is that the church at home needs personal contact with its representatives abroad. We should give them a hearty welcome. They have suffered many privations. They have suffered loneliness in a strange land. They have gone without many of the good things we enjoy. They will enjoy American food. They should be accorded a real welcome—a warm Christian welcome back home.

Meet your missionaries and greet them at the General Assembly this Fall. Make a special effort to shake their hands. Bid them Godspeed. It is an honor to have them with us again for a few weeks.

Our missionary picture magazine, *THE MACEDONIAN CALL*, is especially designed to interest and inspire everyone who is interested in the great commission. You will find a subscription blank on this page. We welcome you as a subscriber to this outstanding missionary periodical.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

God to save my four boys; me to be able to go back to work.—Ethel L. Preston, Porterdale, Ga.

A very special unspoken request.—A Sister, Greensboro, N. C. to be healed; my unsaved children.—Mrs. W. E. Wolfe, Shaw, Miss.

My wife to be healed of kidney trouble and gallstones.—Rev. Austin Skinner, Plumerville, Ark.

My nephew, who has a stomach cancer.—Hattie Meddleton, Albany, Ga.
Me to be completely healed.—Flora Pitts, Tifton, Ga.

Two special unspoken requests; my family to be saved; my body to be healed.—A Sister, Logan, W. Va.

My boy to be healed of tonsillitis; my relatives to be saved.—Mrs. Georgia Johnson, Scotland, Ga.

My wife's foot to be healed; my body to be healed; me to have a closer walk with the Lord.—Dave Cason, Pittsburg, Tenn.

Me to be healed and get closer to God.—Mrs. Marie Boatman, Stewart, Miss.

A very urgent request for my son who is seriously ill.—Audrey Bond, Radford, Va.
The Lord to move two hindering causes.—Lee Webb, Duff, Tenn.

The healing of my daughter's body and mind; my husband and daughter to be saved.—Bernice Friesley, North Matewan, W. Va.

My boy to be completely healed; my loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. W. A. Fuller, Moulton, Ala.

The healing of my body; my sister who has been missing for nearly four years.—Mrs. Perry Miller, Montcalm, W. Va.

My grandmother to be healed of cancer; my uncle to be healed of fits; parents and loved ones to be saved.—A Sister, La France, S. C.

God to have mercy and help me some way in my suffering.—M. A. Tatae, Cedar Grove, W. Va.

My son to be saved; me and my children.—B. E. Smith, Tulsa, Texas.

God to make a way for me to go to Lee College.—Lottie Marie Hinton, Princeton, N. C.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Bessie Davenport, Covington, La.

An unspoken request; my loved ones to be saved; me to be healed of high blood pressure and nervousness; a person, mentally, and that they will obey God.—A Member, Baxley, Ga.

An unspoken request.—A Sister, Belmont, N. C.

The Lord to heal my body; two unspoken requests.—Mrs. Carl Hollifield, Russellville, Tenn.

Me to be healed of T. B.; my cousin who is ill; my loved ones to be saved.—Mary Lee Richison, Tallihna, Okla.

God to undertake for me; my loved ones.—Mrs. Allie Voneford, Lawrenceville, Ga.

A friend to be saved and led into the Church of God.—Edith Monerfield, Pulaski, Va.

An urgent unspoken request; a man who is bound by the drink habit to be delivered and saved; me.—A Reader, Miami, Fla.

Me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. J. O. Dilkerson, Arley, Ala.

Our grandmother to be healed; my husband and me.—Mrs. Jr. Thomason, Lavonia, Ga.

The healing of my body.—Sister Nora B. Hill, Chickamauga, Ga.

Me to get the victory and God to give me His joy and blessing.—A Christian, Lansing, Mich.

The healing of my sister; God to heal me; a special request.—Jessie G. Clemons, Orgas, W. Va.

My daddy to be saved and stop drinking; me to get the Holy Ghost.—Barbara Jean Evans, Miami, Fla.

My husband, baby, mother and me; special unspoken request.—Mrs. M. Fuller, Dunlow, W. Va.

The healing of my body and complete victory.—Mrs. H. H. James, Oxford, Miss.

Me to be healed.—Henry Speich, Crab Orchard, Tenn.

The Lord to heal me.—Myrtle McKenzie, Holcomb, Miss.

Me to be healed of T. B.—Mrs. Lois Doss, Kimberly, Ala.

My wife's body; my ankles to be healed.

Me. I am going through a hard trial.—A Friend, Elizabethtown, Ky.

Me to be healed of stomach and lung trouble.—Joe Hyden, Prestonsburg, Ky.

My little girl who is seriously sick. We believe she has pneumonia.—Fred White, Clifton, S. C.

My daughter and husband to be saved; me as I am going through a test.—Verna Bird, Abney, W. Va.

The healing of Sister Bessie Cooke who has been bedfast for three years; my unsaved loved ones; me to have a closer walk with God.—Mrs. Tessie Williamson, White Oak, W. Va.

Me to be healed of high blood pressure and nerve trouble; my loved ones to be saved.—A Sister in Christ, Sandpoint, Idaho.

Me; I am about to have a nervous breakdown.—Mrs. Reney Tipton, Twila, Ky.

My husband to be saved and healed; me, that I'll always do the Lord's will.—Mrs. Lucy Costigan, Christiansburg, Va.

Me to be completely healed of flu and bronchial trouble; an unspoken request.—S. E. Hudson, Tampa, Fla.

My uncle; my father who has heart trouble, kidney trouble, varicose veins, is losing his mind, and is unsaved.—Louise Heaton, Demorest, Ga.

Mrs. Gertie Hancock, who has been an invalid for thirty-three years; my husband to be saved and healed of rheumatism; a daughter to be saved.—Mrs. M. B. Fletcher, Asheboro, N. C.

A very urgent request.—Cloa Payton, Indianapolis, Ind.

My body to be healed; my brother-in-law, both soul and body.—Mrs. C. L. McDaniel, Ehren, Fla.

Me to be healed of tumor of the brain.—I. B. Tudor, Dalton, Ga.

Mrs. Mary Meeks, who has cancer.—Mrs. Hessie Meeks, Monclo, W. Va.

The Lord to heal me and help me through some hard trials.—F. M. Frazier, Lexington, Ky.

Two special requests.—Mrs. George Gouger, Whiteside, Tenn.

My wife and me.—W. A. Campbell.

Me to be healed of deafness, high blood pressure, and other ailments.—C. S. Spence, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

A girl in the sanatorium with T. B.; my husband to be saved and healed, and to come back to us; my young sister, who has run away from home.—Cathalene C. Pratt, Toledo, Ohio.

rejoicing. When the altar calls were given, the Holy Ghost was present in great convicting power, and men and women were made to realize their desperate condition without God.

The camp meeting began on the night of June 10 and ended on Saturday, June 20. The attendance was the largest yet, and an outstandingly large number remained until the closing service. Not enough could be said to justifiably describe the great preaching which was heard at this camp meeting. We were happy to have the following special speakers with us: Rev. Earl P. Paulk, Greenville, South Carolina; Rev. R. P. Johnson; Rev. D. C. Boatwright, overseer of Virginia; Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer; and Rev. E. L. Simmons. These men were at their best, and the preaching was a great blessing to all who attended these services. There were also other fine messages by various visiting ministers and local Ohio preachers, who certainly did their share to add momentum to this assembly. These ministers were: Rev. Shelton Brock, Rev. Clayton Lawson, Rev. G. W. Lane, Rev. J. L. Goins, state overseer of Ohio, Rev. Thomas, of Pulaski, Virginia, and Rev. W. R. Marcum. Inspirational prayer services were held at the beginning of each day. These were in charge of various Ohio ministers. These services served as a fine starting point for the various services of the day.

We also want to make mention of the exceptionally fine camp-meeting music. Brother W. W. Goins was with us again this year and directed the singing. The special singing, also under the direction of Brother Goins, was effectively and capably presented. Our special musical feature for the camp meeting was soloist and accordionist, Bruce Bachman, of Chicago, Illinois. We were happy to have Brother and Sister Bachman and their son, Jackie, with us during this meeting.

A fine youth program was outlined for the children and young people. Each morning at 10 a. m., Sister Agnes Roberts conducted children's services, and we feel that much good was accomplished. At 1:30-3 p. m. each afternoon, except Sunday, a recreation period was held for the boys. This was capably handled by Brother Higgins, of Middletown, Ohio. Each evening, at 6-7 p. m., young people's services were held under the direction of Rev. O. W. Polen, state youth director.

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GOD BLESSES OHIO WITH GREAT OLD-FASHIONED CAMP MEETING

Although the 1948 Ohio state camp meeting and convention is now history, it will continue to live in the minds of those attending as a great time of spiritual feasting and rejoicing. It was indeed soul-stirring to witness the great number of persons who would line the altar nightly, seeking salvation and the blessed Holy

Ghost. Somehow, it had the "old-fashioned" atmosphere. During the dynamic preaching of Rev. Earl P. Paulk and others, it was not uncommon for the Holy Ghost to take charge, and a wave of glory seemed to envelope the entire congregation. It brought back memories of "old-times," when several of the brethren would start to run and circle the vast auditorium, and many of the sisters would leave their seats for a time of shouting and

Reports FROM THE FIELD

Tenting on the Old Campground

Our camp meeting is like a well of cool water in the middle of a green grove. During the year we walk through the grove and watch the trees as they bring forth tithes and offerings; but in June our feet invariably turn to camp meeting, where heaven and earth seem to meet as God bends down to receive our praise and adoration.

Camp meeting! Camp meeting! We hear the word all through the years and it has become such a part of the Church of God in Florida that we unconsciously mark time from one to the next. It is at this time of the year we restock our wardrobe, and when we arrive we form new friendships and renew old ones. Here we humbly worship God, and in return we receive His richest blessings.

In the history of all previous Florida camp meetings, none has excelled the one just past. The unity and love expressed throughout was great to behold. Better singing could never be desired, and better preaching ever heard.

Brother Ray Hughes brought the message each night. Unctioned by the Spirit of God, he immediately won his way deep into the hearts of the people. This was especially so with the young people. His congregations were filled with the Florida young people, who received his great messages and made many resolves to do more for God. It was great to see the boys and girls congregate in groups around on the campus. They seemed so alive with energy and talent placed at God's disposal. Often they grouped themselves around the piano between services and sang for the sheer pleasure of singing. Faithfully, they worked in the altar, and many came to God. Much of the special singing they contributed, and great talent was shown. Once, as the power of God fell, a young girl, whose face was lighted by something within, said, "God must be looking down and smiling." I'm sure He was. I'm sure, also, that no place on earth can a better group of young people be found than in Florida.

On Saturday, the whole day was

devoted to the youth conference. Under the direction of Lewis J. Willis, Florida youth director, a unique program was arranged. We enjoyed a very special treat in the way of a message given by Reverend Brady Dennis, youth director of South Carolina. Especially, too, did we enjoy hearing the two orphan quartets presented by Brother J. A. Muncy. Those little boys went straight to our hearts. After the orphan's service, Brother Hughes brought a great message. So vividly did he portray the sufferings of Christ that our hearts seemed melted with grief and love for the lowly Nazarene.

Yes sir, "Florida sand gets in your shoes," and the statement proved to be very true by the great number of visitors from out of the State. It was a real pleasure to talk with young people from other states. We surely did welcome all of our visitors.

Now, do you feel that one of the greatest opportunities of your life has passed? well, so it has; but don't feel too bad, for when June comes again, there'll be another Florida camp meeting and, take my word for it, there's nothing greater this side of heaven.

A Trip on the Bloodline

My what a trip! Skys were blue, then grey, waters rough and then calm; as our ship, "The Church of God," sailed into harbor after harbor. Hundreds of tiny feet crowded the decks as we visited places such as: The Garden of Eden, Egypt, Jericho, Mount Calvary, and the Isle of Patmos. This fleet of the "Bloodline" sailed directly through the Florida Camp Meeting Vacation Bible School.

Treasure chests of gold were opened as we visited the Treasure Room of God's Word. This unusual ship also had a beautiful Music Room where we nearly "raised the roof" when we sang the songs about the place we had visited. Another popular room on this ship was the Recreation Room where our young bodies played as hard as they worked.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis J. Willis, youth leaders for Florida, were assisted by able helpers to carry on the school.

Loud cheers and many smiles re-

sulted from the splendid program prepared by the staff. The high light of the program came when David Ellis, son of Rev. "Vep" Ellis, led the children in the camp meeting theme song, "Jesus Saves."

Ice cream was given and certificates were awarded; then the children sang "V. B. S. Enthusiasm" with such vim that you knew they meant it.

Camp Meeting Comments from Florida Young People

These six young people were chosen at random from the last camp meeting audience to give their opinion of this 1948, Florida camp meeting.

Lemaude Lazarus, Apopka, Florida, Age 21:

"The very presence of our Almighty God has dwelt among us in this glorious camp meeting. In my heart is planted a desire to spread this same feeling among those who were not privileged to attend and enjoy the many blessings we have received." Oneta Johnson, Tampa, Florida, Age 15:

"I think this is the best camp meeting I've ever attended. I've felt the power of the Lord greater than ever before. It seemed like the singing and everything else was perfect."

Naomi Larramore, Bartow, Florida, Age 19:

"Camp meeting has been a great blessing to me. The power of God has been here in a great way. Now I think I can go back home and fight the enemy harder than ever."

James W. Miller, Center Hill, Florida, Age 27:

"A great spirit of unity was prevalent throughout camp meeting. The Holy Ghost unctioned the preaching and direct messages were delivered. All helped make this one of our greatest camp meetings in years."

Willie N. Collier, Lakeland, Florida, Age 24:

"This was one of the best camp meetings I have ever attended, from the very first service until the last. I certainly have been blessed in every service."

Duane Mansell, Dover, Florida, Age 17:

"I can truly say for many that this has been a great camp meeting. I enjoyed the singing most of all. Camp meeting has been a blessing and a real inspiration to many people."

The person who can endure temptation has the durability necessary to win a crown.

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

***** TESTIMONIES *****

Working for the Evangel

The *Evangel* is a fine Christian paper. May God continue to help and bless with its publication. Pray for us; we desire to obtain a greater number of subscriptions for the *Evangel* and *Lighted Pathway* here in Maryland.—Mrs. Alberta Schwartz.

I appreciate the *Evangel* and I am doing my best to get it in the hands of the people. We have fifty coming in rolls each week, and we shall soon be sending in a number of subscriptions. May God richly bless.—Glenn C. Pettyjohn, Overseer of Central Canada.

Healed of Sugar Diabetes

MORGANTOWN, Miss.—I praise God for healing me of sugar diabetes. On October 25, 1946, God wonderfully saved, sanctified, and baptized me with the Holy Ghost in a cottage prayer meeting in the home of Brother and Sister Dennis Dunaway. Brother and Sister G. G. Williams, pastor and wife of the Church of God here, were in charge. Most everyone there had the Holy Ghost, how the Lord did bless! God got hold of my heart and I could hardly wait for Brother Williams to give an altar call. As I knelt I was ready for all that God had for me. Within a few minutes I was enjoying the most wonderful experience that anyone on this earth could hope for. For several hours I spoke in tongues. I could not speak one word in our language. I had a heart full of love and joy.

I had been baptized eighteen years previously, in the Baptist Church, and thought I was saved and did not need the Holy Ghost that made you speak in other tongues.

I had sugar diabetes at this time, and was taking one shot and ten doses of medicine a day. Two days after I received the Holy Ghost I said, "Lord, I believe you can heal me." So at church Brother Williams anointed me with oil and he and several more prayed for me, and God instantly healed me. I have had four tests made by the doctor since then and no trace of sugar was found. I'm praising His wonderful name. God is due all praise we can give Him.

I'm weak in body now from low blood pressure, but I know that when I

have the faith to believe God as I had on October 27, 1946, He will do the work. Please pray for my faith to be made stronger each day. I'm expecting His soon return to earth to catch away those who are found faithful. I do want to be in that number. Pray for me and my family.—Mrs. Sidney Morgan.

Thanks

BILTMORE, N. C.—I thank the church and friends for praying for my mother. She is much better, for which I praise our blessed Redeemer. He has been so good to us. He has answered our prayers so many times. I desire the prayers of all that we may get closer to the Lord.—Mrs. H. Bartlett.

Healed of Heart Trouble

RUMMERFIELD, Pa.—Greetings in Jesus' precious name. My husband and I were saved in a revival in October and November, and what a blessing we have had since! Our neighbor, Brother Young, gave us the *Evangel* to read each week. I read a lot about divine healing. I have arthritis and did have a bad heart. I had to wear braces on my legs, have been in the hospital a lot, but it has never done much good. I was anointed in December and prayed for as instructed in James 5:14, and I haven't had the trouble with my heart since. I surely praise the Lord. He is also healing me of arthritis. I took off one of my braces just after Christmas and the other on the first day of January and, praise the Lord, I haven't had to wear them since. I still have to use crutches. Please pray that I may be completely healed and be a walking testimony for Christ. The Lord has also healed my husband of sinus trouble and a bad heart. We surely praise the Lord. Please pray that the Lord may take away the habit of tobacco from my husband.—Mrs. W. H. Pelton.

Healed Many Times

I want to thank and praise the Lord for His wonderful love and mercy. Also, I thank Him for His healing power, as He has healed my body many times. I love to read the *Evangel*. It has many good things in it. I'm

glad for a Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. Pray for me as I press on, that I will be ready when He comes or calls.—Mrs. Hazel Crawford.

A Friend Who Will Never Forsake Us

CLEWISTON, Fla.—I praise my blessed Saviour for touching my body and giving me grace. I was so weak and nervous I could hardly eat or sleep and had a great weakness in my arms. I could hardly raise them. I asked for prayer several times. The people really prayed for me, but somehow I didn't seem to get much better; nevertheless, we prayed on. I told the Lord one night if He would please move that weakness from my arms and give me victory over that awful feeling I had, I would testify for the glory of God. Thanks be unto His name! He has wonderfully helped me. I am feeling so much better. Praise the name of Jesus! I am so glad I ever learned He loved and cared for me. I find He is a friend in time of trouble and need, and one who sticketh closer than a brother, one who will never leave or forsake us, but will go with us to the end if only we will trust and obey. Oh praise His wonderful name forever! Please pray for me. I need your prayers.—Mrs. J. C. Swindle.

Joy Unspeakable

DUFF, Tenn.—I praise God for healing me, restoring my salvation, and saving my daughter. Praise God for salvation we can feel! I can never tell what the Lord means to me. Salvation is joy unspeakable and full of glory. Thank God! I know I have victory in my heart. I'm determined to go over the top for Jesus. Pray for me.—Lee Webb.

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SHALL WE BAR THE BIBLE FROM THE SCHOOLS?

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tion. . . Had the Board required me to exclude either the Bible or religious instructions from the schools, I certainly should have given them the earliest opportunity to appoint my successor."

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MY BELIEF

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form of a man to save His people from (not in) their sins, and to enter into a relationship with them whether they lived with Him in the days of His flesh or many years afterward. It is as one of them testifies, "that which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands . . . the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to you," etc.

The history of the Church of God in all ages since then is a great testimony to the truth they set down. They who knew Him best did not give out "cunningly devised fables." If they had, the church would have disappeared with their demise. The existence of the church today is legal proof of the truth by which it lives. Still it is more than a group of believers; it is the fellowship with a person.

I believe in the church even if it does have some faults, which are the faults of some of the people in it. Though it was divinely established and ordained, still it is made up of human beings; and wherever we find men and women, we are sure to find failures. I dare say that I find fewer such inside the church than outside of it. It is often poorly supported, but even so, it is truly more efficient than the secular organizations who scoff at it, making the dollar go farther and accomplish more than any two dollars elsewhere. It is the one large institution that goes its way successfully, without spending great amounts on advertising. I believe in the church because I am debtor to it as I am to no other organization on earth, and so, also, is the whole community, as well as the whole world, whether the fact be admitted or not. I fully believe that it is contributing to our contemporary life such a power that if it were withdrawn, the whole life of the community and the nation would be in instant jeopardy. Yet, I would not

call anyone to support it for the good it does. Such good is in reality a by-product. The real call of the church is the call of the Master to a life of service to God and to man. Through the church the high privilege is given to us to be workers together with God. Thus is His will done on earth.

In conclusion, I say that Christ bade His apostles farewell and told them what they were to do, and that same commission is handed down to us today. I believe in the church because it is God's plan for the salvation of the world.

"EXCEPT YE REPENT, YE SHALL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH"

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Gandhi was not a Christian, although he had many wonderful traits. So have many of the people we know who will never reach that eternal city whose "builder and maker is God," unless they come by the way of the cross.

Jesus Christ said, "I am the door, no man cometh unto the Father but by me."

Peter said, in one of his sermons, "There is none other name given among men, whereby we must be saved."

This generation has already seen the "budding of the fig tree." Luke 21; Matthew 24 and 25.

"So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, then look up and lift up your heads: for your redemption draweth nigh."

"Watch ye therefore and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man."

REVIVALS

TENNILLE, Ga.—A glorious revival has come to a close here. Sister May Terry was the evangelist, with Brother Ford Spell, blind musician, as co-worker. God wonderfully blessed in

a mighty way. There were thirty-five saved, twenty-seven sanctified, twenty-five baptized with the Holy Ghost, twenty-four added to the church, and twenty-eight baptized in water. There were also some wonderful healings. One lady whom the doctors had given only ten days to live, was healed and saved. There were several other healings.

Rev. Joe Cleghorn, the pastor, is a wonderful man of God. His work is progressive and he is loved by both saint and sinner. During this revival he and his wife received nice gifts. We give God the praise for His many blessings. Bless His holy name!—Henry F. Spell, Reporter.

WILLISBURG, Ky.—Recently, we closed a four weeks' revival here. Rev. Edd Cox, of Louisville, Ky., preached the first two weeks on "Prophecy." Rev. R. E. Lovelle preached the following two weeks. The messages were a great help and inspiration to our church. The Holy Ghost was with us in a mighty way. There were nine saved, four sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, eight added to the church, and seven baptized in water. At the closing service we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. The presence of the Lord was with us in a wonderful way.

We have a nice stone church that will be completed right away. Brother W. B. Stone is our pastor. God is blessing. Pray that we may continue to grow, and that we may do great things for our Master.—Mrs. Ola Hood, Clerk.

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God Blesses Ohio with Great Old-Fashioned Camp Meeting

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These services were well attended and God wonderfully blessed. Each evening, various young ministers brought the messages. We believe many were surprised at the fine sermons which were delivered by our young ministers. Those speaking were Sister Powell of West Virginia, Sister Mary Lou Wiles, Brother Joel Brown, Sister Donadyne Kinnison, Brother Arlie Starn, Brother Wm. Shell and Brother and Sister Lacy Harless, pastor of the Akron Deaf Church, and Brother Addie Ellington, Lee College student.

Saturday, June 12, was the OHIO STATE YOUTH CONGRESS. Services throughout this day were in charge of the young people, under the direction of Rev. O. W. Polen, state youth director. Rev. G. W. Lane, in the morning service, brought a fine message to our youth on the subject of "Youth and Evangelism," following which Rev. E. L. Simmons, representing Lee College, spoke on "Youth and Christian Education." Both sermons were effective and we sincerely believe brought the desired results. Saturday afternoon, Sister Agnes Roberts presented "The Gospel Ship," with the various children throughout the State participating. This presentation was sensational, to say the least. We believe everyone present will sanction the statement that the Holy Ghost put His approval on this service. Following this, Rev. J. F. Lavender brought a splendid message on "Youth and the Church." We enjoyed the fine instructions contained in this message.

At the Saturday night service, a presentation of "Youth on the March" was given. This was a beautiful sight to behold—THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH OF GOD ON THE MARCH! Following this, our state youth director reported on the progress of the youth work in the state of Ohio this past year, and we not only saw the youth on the march, but we were made to realize they had been on the march in many ways this past year. Rev. E. L. Simmons concluded the night service by showing pictures of Lee College and bringing us a good message on the subject of the "Holy Ghost."

On June 14 and 15, we had our state convention and heard the various reports of the State's activities. God

has wonderfully blessed Ohio this past year, and we were happy to learn that our \$15,000 state budget quota was "over the top"! Something of great interest to many was the organization of an "OHIO STATE CAMP MEETING ASSOCIATION." Anyone may become a member of this association by sending your name and address and \$1.00 membership fee to the state office. This association was organized in the effort to help with camp meeting expenses next year.

During our convention, it was our happy privilege to have with us Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer of the Church of God. Rev. Jernigan delivered several instructive and beneficial messages during this convention, which we greatly appreciated. It was an honor to have Brother and Sister Jernigan with us.

One of the most effective services of the entire meeting was the Sunday afternoon service which was dedicated to Brother and Sister Goins, our esteemed state overseer and wife, for their faithful service and hard work in the State of Ohio the past two years. Then, another fine remembrance for the ministers of Ohio, in appreciation of their loyal support and hard work the past year, was a dinner given by the state overseer. This was a wonderful time of fellowship, and the dinner and program were deeply appreciated by all the ministry.

So, once again, another Ohio state camp meeting and convention has

gone down in history. We had a great time—great because God, His Son and the blessed Holy Ghost were there with us.—O. W. Polen, State Secretary.

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